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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING COUPONS THROUGH A SYSTEM OF COMPUTER NETWORKS

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The Patent Term Extension is 0 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the 0 day extension on the front page.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
09/495,483	POWELL, KEN R.
Examiner	Art Unit
Richard Woo	3629

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Temin, Discain, & Amendment (07-21-2003) & IDS and Amendment filed 09-26-2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 12, 14-19, 34-39, 67, 69-79 and 93-161.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
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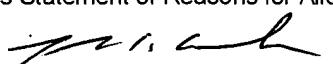
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1 Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 3 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 5 Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. 9
- 7 Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

- 2 Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 4 Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____.
- 6 Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8 Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9 Other


JOHN G. WEISS
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

- 1) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement over the inventions patented in Narasimhan et al. (Ser. No. 08/466,270).

Narasimhan et al. discloses a processing system comprising:
the system including a computer (110);
a plurality of portable cards (smart card) transported by consumers, each card containing an electronic memory, a plurality of homes, a store and a routing system (102) for receiving a signal and generating network addresses in response to an internetwork address in the received signal, the routing system including a plurality of wide area communication links,

wherein the second system further includes:

a plurality of first processors (110), each located in one of the plurality of homes, for sending a memory signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the memory signal corresponding to the product as being provided from the CD-Rom; and
a second processor (200), in the store, for receiving the memory signal from a portable card in the plurality of cards.

Narasimhan et al. further discloses a method comprising:

sending first signals from a CD-Rom to a computer (110), each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product;

receiving first signals, and

the step of

sending a signal to a portable handheld card (smart card) in the plurality of cards,

the card signal corresponding to the product, and

the step of

subsequently, moving the portable card to the store, and

the step, performed in the store, of

receiving the card signal from the portable device.

However, Narasimhan et al. does not expressly disclose the system as set forth in Claim 12 having:

a first computer including a circuitry for sending first signals to the routing system, each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product, and an internetwork address corresponding to the second computer, to cause the routing system to generate a plurality of network addresses, each of the plurality of network addresses corresponding to a respective computer in a respective computer network, and wherein the second computer includes circuitry for receiving first signals, and wherein the second system further includes:

a plurality of first processors, each located in one of the plurality of homes, responsive to a signal corresponding to a product received by the second computer, for sending a memory signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the memory signal corresponding to the product.

Additionally, Narasimhan et al. does not expressly disclose the method as set forth in Claim 34, having:

sending first signals from a first computer to the routing system, each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product, and an inter-network address corresponding to a second computer, to cause the routing system to generate a plurality of network address, each of the plurality of network address corresponding to a respective computer in a respective computer network;

receiving first signals, and

the step of

 sending a signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the card signal corresponding to the product.

Narasimhan et al. does not expressly disclose the system as set forth in Claim 67 having:

 a first computer including a circuitry for sending first signals to the routing system, each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product, and an internetwork address corresponding to the second computer, to cause the routing system to generate a plurality of routing signals, each of the plurality of routing signals corresponding to a respective portion of a signal path between the first and second computers, thereby enabling the second computer to receive first signals,

 wherein the second system further includes:

a plurality of home computers, responsive to a signal corresponding to a product from a first signal received by the second computer, for sending a memory signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the memory signal corresponding to the product.

Narasimhan et al. does not expressly disclose the method as set forth in Claim 74, having:

sending first signals from a first computer to the routing system, each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product, and an inter-network address corresponding to a second computer, to cause the routing system to generate a plurality of network address, each of the plurality of network address corresponding to a respective computer in a respective computer network;

receiving first signals, and

the step of

sending, responsive to the signal corresponding to a product, a memory signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the memory signal corresponding to the product.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

"UK's GPT To Supply First Smart Card Phone to China" is cited to show a public payphone network system that accepts prepaid IC cards or smart cards, credit cards, etc.

"Marketing's Smart Transformation" is cited to show a smart card system that is a personal carrier of data, money, privileges and secrets, a databank, a key, a payment mechanism and stamp book.

EP 0,612,019 is cited to show a coupon information system including a hand-held data processing device for storing data in a compressed form. The device includes a keyboard for entering input data and a data compressor for compressing the input data. The stored compressed data may include service data identifying services and coupon data to the service data.

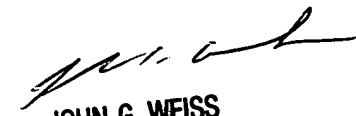
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Woo whose telephone number is 703-308-7830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM -5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 703-308-2702. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0861.



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